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Susan Lynn Vaughn Kelly, 72, of Ringgold, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. She was born to the late Robert Lee and Betty Gray Vaughn. Susan was born in Greensboro, North Carolina, and moved in 1993 to the Chattanooga, Tennessee area. She attended Christ United Methodist Church. Susan was an active member of Tomorrow's Place when she lived in Greensboro and enjoyed the friendships and activities it provided. She was a Doterra Advocate and an international business owner with Sunrider. She loved arts and crafts, gardening, and beautiful flowers, but most of all, she cherished her family. Susan was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking for her family, especially baking with the girls. Susan was a wonderfully devoted woman who was very protective of her family and loved ones. She always treasured every moment spent with her family, enjoyed shopping trips with the girls, and had fun at home with her constant companion and much-loved dog, Mango. A loving, sweet, and kind-hearted person, Susan will be dearly missed by her family and everyone who knew her.

Susan is preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Harold and Betty Bennett; father and stepmother, Robert and Peggy Vaughn; previous

husband, John L. Stanaway; and uncle, Kenneth Sharpe.

Those left to cherish her memory include her loving husband Jim Kelly and her much loved dog, Mango of Ringgold, Georgia; children, Julie (Matt) Ziegler and Will Hobbs, both of Ringgold, Georgia; stepchildren, Amanda (Anthony) Gass of Trenton, Georgia, James Kelly of Ringgold, Georgia, Maranda Kelly of Ringgold, Georgia, Kim Horton of Lake Mary, Florida, and Jeff (Liz) Stanaway of Seattle, Washington; daughter-in-law, Allison Hobbs of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; sister, Elizabeth (Darren) Hadley of Greensboro, North Carolina; brother, Ben Bennett also of Greensboro, North Carolina; grandchildren, Brooke (Chris) Semratedu, Blake Ziegler, Gracen (Haili) Hobbs, Raven Hobbs, Gavin Hobbs, Matthew Horton, Tyler Horton, and Naomi Stanaway; great-grandchildren, Blakely Crowe and Bennett Semratedu; step grandchildren, Zachary Kelly, Brezsea Fugate, Brytnee Barton, Christopher Wehunt, James Kelly, Shaniya Kelly, Xavier Dunnington, Xzander Dunnington, Xane Dunnington; several step great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Susan's life with a visitation at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 1, followed by a funeral service at 12 noon. The family appreciates your prayers and support during this difficult time.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Battlefield Parkway Church of the Nazarene
3022 Battlefield Parkway
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CP

“*Connie P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Vaughn Kelly.*

Connie P. - November 30, 2025 at 08:07 AM

SH

“*Haven't seen Susan in a longtime but remained friends on facebook. Elizabeth and I would baby sit Julie and Will at their home when they were sooo young. Just down the road from our houses. My family the Webb's who were longtime neighbors with the Bennett's saw each others families grow up and expand and feel their loss too when it happened. The Webb family sends their condolences along with hugs
Love- Susan , David and Leroy Webb*

SUSAN WEBB HENDERSON - October 30, 2025 at 05:14 PM

BS

“*My sincere condolences for your loss. Susan was a wonderful caring friend who will be greatly missed. She was such a selfless person who was so devoted to her family & friends. We had some good times with Sunrider. My sympathy to her family, Becki Steinbacher*

Becki Steinbacher - October 29, 2025 at 10:19 PM

SC

“ Steve & Christy Cox purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Susan Lynn Vaughn Kelly.



Steve & Christy Cox - October 29, 2025 at 08:03 AM

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“ Steve & Christy Cox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Vaughn Kelly.

Steve & Christy Cox - October 29, 2025 at 08:03 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Susan Lynn Vaughn Kelly.



October 27, 2025 at 02:48 PM

SA

“ Surteco North America planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan Lynn Vaughn Kelly.

Surteco North America - October 27, 2025 at 02:48 PM

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“ *What a lucky man to have had the privilege to be her husband for 13 1/2 short years.*

She lovingly called me Jimbo.

Her sweet voice will be missed in our new home that we looked forward to moving into a year and 10 months ago.

We enjoyed sitting out on our back porch together with Mango.

We did manage to make sweet memories that Mango and I will cherish forever.

My beautiful sweet Susan made her marks through out our home.

I see Her special touch all around me.

I know you're at peace and pain free in Heaven flying with you well deserved wings.

The Earth lost an Angel and Heaven gained one.

Your loving Husband and Sweet baby girl Mango.



Jim (Jimbo) Kelly (Husband) - October 23, 2025 at 09:33 AM



Jim, this is a beautiful tribute to your precious Susan. Praying for you all.

Cindy Ziegler - October 23, 2025 at 10:12 AM



Susan was one of a kind. I loved her dearly and will miss her more than words can say❤️. She lit up a room when she walked in with her character, class and style. Heaven gained a beautiful angel Tuesday! Prayers for her beautiful family that she adored more than anything!

Karen Tate - October 23, 2025 at 11:02 AM

BB

The last time I felt this much emotional pain is when Susan and my younger sister Elizabeth and I lost our mom & dad in 2003. I will always remember and cherish the times we had here in NC going to the NC & SC coast, Lake Norman, Statesville for Bennett family reunions, Wentworth for Sharpe family reunions, and here in Greensboro during Thanksgiving & Christmas. On behalf of all of our family here in NC I would like to send out a huge thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being Susan and Jim's friend and especially checking in on Susan during her illness. I'm sure GOD allowed my sister to join other close family members who have passed but it's so much more relaxing to know that she is not suffering from the physical pain in which I observed her in about a week ago at her home in Georgia.

To my dear brother in law Jimbo, thank you so much for being there for my sister and being a part of our family. I will always love you for this. And to Julie & Will, I think you already know how I feel about you guys and all your family. That's a given.....!!! Grandma Bennett would not have it any other way....

Anyway, I love you all.....Ben

Ben Bennett - October 24, 2025 at 03:30 PM